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**DRUGS, PAINTS
VARNISHES
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SEE
JAMES C. PAGE
I Harp on Quality and Service.

School Notes.

This is the close of the six weeks term as well as the sixth month of school. Written tests, grade cards and monthly reports will be in order the coming week.

Next week from Feb. 26, to March 3, the Department of Superintendence of the National Educational Association will meet in Kansas City, Mo. About 5000 Superintendents, High school principals and other school men will meet at this time to discuss school problems of interest. The Board of Education decided at the last meeting that Supt. Twente attend this conference during its session. Mrs. Twente will superintend while Mr. Twente is away.

The high school annual is progressing very nicely. Through the liberality of the Baxter's business men who are encouraging the senior class in their efforts will be able to publish a good book this year. A good way to help support the students is to advertise in the annual. Rates reasonable. Call up school house and a representative will be sent to see you.

At the last meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association it was decided that we gather old magazines and papers for the purpose of raising funds. Pat-

rons who have pupils in school could let them carry these papers here a few at a time and those who live near the building, if they will phone to the school building, someone will try to get them. A little effort on the part of all will bring big results.

On March 16, at the Opera House, the students will give the "Japanese Ogeretta, Princess Chrysanthemum." All the parts will be taken by high school students. In addition to the leading characters given below there will be a chorus of about 30 voices of high school girls. A chorus of Fairies and Spirits will take part in the singing and dances. This operetta is full of life and music. The student promise to make this an interesting program.

Characters for the operetta:
Princess Chrysanthemum - - - - - Emperor's daughter
Priscilla Wear
Maiden attendants of Princess To-To - - - - - Dorothy Smith
Yum-Yum - - - - - Helen Humphrey
Du-Du - - - - - Dorothy Cook
Tu-Lip - - - - - Dorothy Plumb
Fairy Moon Beam - - - - -
- - - The Princess' Good Genius
Louise Covey
The Emperor What-For-Whi - - - - - a Merciful (?) Monarch
Burton Covey
Prince So-Tru - - - - -
- - - In love with the Princess Cecil Nowty
Prince So-Sli - - - - - John Browne
Top-Not - - - - - Court Chamberlain Ralph Pfeffermer
Saucer Eyes - - - - - Wizard Cat
James Chubb
Emperor's Attendants - - - - - Arley Shields and Jack Paul

W. O. W. Meeting.

Members of Baxter Camp No. 73, W. O. W., are urged to be present at a special meeting of the lodge in Cooper hall next Monday night, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Matters of interest and importance will be taken up, and following the regular meeting supper will be served.

Mrs. and Mrs. Fred Nichols returned home Sunday night after having spent three months in Wichita where Mr. Nichols attended the college of pharmacy to complete his course in that profession. He has resumed his position in M. E. Reddy's drug store.

E. C. Abernathy of Joplin was in Baxter Tuesday in consultation with O. N. Lynch, manager of the Abernathy lumber yard. Mr. Lynch recently came here from Cartersville, and as soon as a residence can be provided will bring his family to Baxter.

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THE COST OF SEWER SYSTEM

Rollins Engineering Company
Makes Report to the
City Council.

Approximately 2,000 feet of trunk line sewers, costing \$12,000, and 4,000 feet of laterals, costing \$24,000, was the estimate of the requirements of Baxter Springs to take care of a population of 8,000 to 10,000 people in the report made to the city council Thursday night by W. B. Rollins of the Rollins Engineering Company of Kansas City. Mr. Rollins supplemented his report with a minutely drawn chart showing location of the proposed sewer lines, the manholes, flush tanks, etc. The report was submitted on order from the council, given last month and for which the engineering company received \$100.

The trunk line sewers, according to Mr. Rollins, would have to be paid for by the city as a whole, funds for which would be provided by issuing municipal sewer bonds.

The laterals, or service lines, Mr. Rollins estimates will cost \$30.00 for each 50 foot lot. The city would be divided into four sewer districts. The cost of the laterals in each district would be spread out evenly over all the lots in the district; appraisements, of land only, would be made by a board appointed for the purpose and the cost of the sewers in that district would be charged evenly all lots the same. This would be the most equitable way, since then the owner of rocky ground would not have to pay any more than his more fortunate neighbor with soft ground.

The lateral sewers in each district would be paid for with district sewer bonds issued against all the property in that particular sewer district. The property owner could pay the entire cost within thirty days from the completion of the sewers or the payments could be distributed over a period of ten years, drawing interest at the rate borne by the bonds which would likely be 4 1-2 or 5 per cent. So it is plain that the installation of sewers would not prove a burden to any property owner - about \$4.00 per 50 foot lot per year for 10 years.

The report carried many details regarding character of materials, etc. Also the advice as furnished by the state engineer that because of the size of Spring river, into which the sewer would discharge, and the fact that its waters were not used for drinking purposes for many miles below this city, Baxter Springs would not be required to build a septic tank but could discharge the sewer directly into the river. The outlet would be shortly below the mouth of the creek. This would eliminate a very great expense that, had it been required, would have made a sewer system very hard to finance here.

Mr. Rollins called attention to the fact that to serve a sewer system such as described the water supply of Baxter would have to be greatly increased and larger mains laid all over the district served by sewers and the installation of the sewers should not be undertaken without at the same time providing for the water service.

That statement raised the question of water works again and municipal ownership vs. private franchise was discussed. The council laid the matter on the table to be taken up again this week.

One opinion advanced and which found favor, was that

since it would likely be impossible to bond the city for an amount necessary to build sewers and water works too, it would be best to give some company a water franchise, one in which the interests of the city would be properly safeguarded.

Auto Runs Down a Boy.

Archie Evans, age 14, was run down by an automobile Sunday afternoon and badly bruised, but it is said, not dangerously injured. The accident occurred at the small bridge on East River street. He is the son of Mrs. Emma Evans, who lives in the home of the late Mrs. Green on East Sheridan street. The boy has been in bed since the accident but is slowly recovering. No broken bones have been found. The car was driven by H. Hensley, a taxi driver for the Sixteenth street garage, in Joplin, owned by a Mr. Price. Hensley had his wife and two other passengers in the car. When he struck the bridge he straddled the middle ridge as most cars have been doing of late. The boy ran on the ridge in front of the car. Whether the driver tried to stop is not known, but the lad was struck and carried under the car which passed entirely over him. Hensley brought the boy back to town where Dr. Boswell dressed the wounds and he was then taken home. Hensley was arrested by order of County Attorney Don H. Elleman. He was held here until Tuesday when he was released on \$500 bail to appear next week at Columbus for a hearing.

New Millinery Store.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ferguson have leased from the new owner of the Leader, the balcony of the Cooper building and Mrs. Ferguson will conduct a millinery store therein. Mr. Ferguson will continue with the new owner, in a managerial capacity. Mrs. Ferguson, since her husband came here last year to take charge of The Leader, has been running a millinery store at Nowata, that is recognized as the best in that country and it is safe to say that her Baxter store will soon earn the same reputation since Mrs. Ferguson is not only an artist in her line, but is also progressive.

Pasteur Treatment Effective.

Reports are favorable concerning the condition of the three children who were bitten by a mad dog several days ago and who are now undergoing treatment at the Pasteur institute. Earl Wade came back from Kansas City the first of the week. He says that the children will have to remain at the institute until the time for the treatment to run but he was assured that all the children will escape. Mrs. Wade is with the children. She went up last week accompanied by her father, Elijah Amos, who has returned. Bert Lowe has also been with his child.

H. H. Rueter, aged 78, died Sunday, Feb. 18 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. O. N. Baldwin, in this city. Funeral services were held from the residence on Monday at 3 o'clock. Mr. Rueter was born in Braklaun, Germany in 1839. In 1863 he married Sarah McWilliams, and to this marriage four children were born, two of which died in childhood, and later the wife passed on. In 1880 he married Rebecca Bradshaw and four children were born to them, one of whom is deceased. Mr. Rueter had been blind for two years prior to his death.

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Al Rakestraw is quite ill at his home with rheumatism.

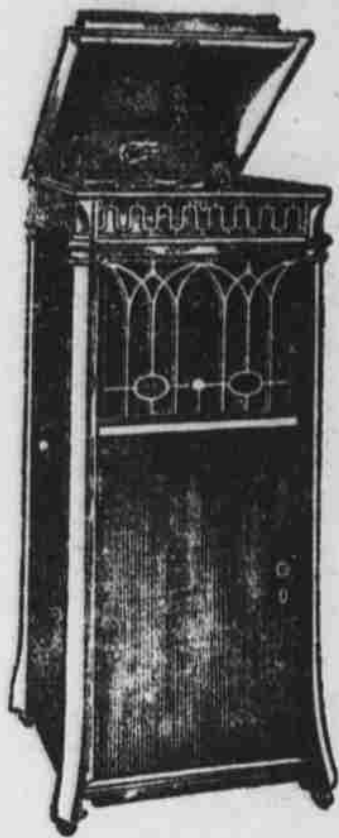
Vernon Stallsmith returned home Monday from Columbus where he underwent an operation on his skull. Mr. Stallsmith was recently hurt in one of the mines.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Nichols have purchased lots from Chas. Smith, adjoining the town on the north. They will put a few houses on the ground.

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Another Brick Block

Former Sheriff C. E. Baker of Joplin was in the city Wednesday on business. Mr. Baker a few months ago bought of Squire Fodgkins the half block at Main and South streets. He informed The News man while in town that he would begin the erection of a business block on the corner within a very few days. The dimensions will probably be 75x100 feet, two stories, constructed of fire proof material. The first floors will be used for stores, the second for a rooming house.

Miss Audrey Smith is confined to her bed on account of a recent operation.

Miss Goldean Douthitt of Oswego spent the latter part of last week here visiting at the home of S. A. Douthitt.

McAboy's Meat Market is opposite the postoffice, where most careful attention is given all orders for meats, fish, etc. Your trade is solicited.

Archie Chubb is home from Quincy, Ill., where he has been attending business college. Archie is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Chubb.

Misses Margaret Opperman, Swani-Smith and Messrs. Clare Youse, Clare Rhems and Frank Brewster attended a valentine masquerade dance in Columbus last Wednesday night.

N. E. Romack, of Conway, Mo., a brother of F. R. Romack of this city, has come here to engage in the building contracting business. He is accompanied by J. A. Tankersley, also of Conway, and a first class carpenter.

A Billion Dollar Country

More than a year ago the wealth of the United States was estimated at over 188 billion dollars, nearly \$2,000 for every man, woman and child in the country. Where's yours?

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